School board candidacies announced

Leo C. Derwinski

Leo C. Derwinski announces that he will be a candidate for school director on both the Democratic and Republican tickets. He will represent Region 1 in the upcoming May 17 primary election.

He is a graduate of Fell High School and attended Bridgeport Engineering Institute, Lackawanna Junior College and the University of Scranton.

Mr. Derwinski was employed as a time study engineer at Manning, Maxwell, and Moore in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He joined the Army Air Force during World War II and served in England with the famous 8th Air Force. He retired with the rank of major.

Derwinski has been a civic-minded citizen for many years. He helped organize both the Fell PTA and the Carbondale Area High School PTA in which he held elective offices. He also held elective offices in the Lackawanna Area Council and is the immediate past vice president of the Pennsylvania State PTA. Leo has served as chairman and committee member for many charitable drives in the area, including LIFE, Community Chest, LUF, and the Heart Fund.

He has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Grattan Singer Hose Company, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Honesdale Business Association. Derwinski was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 30 years. Presently, he is employed by radio station WCDL-WLSP as an account executive.

He is married to the former Hedwig Molinski. The couple has three children, Barbara, Teresa and Leo, all college graduates.

John M. Jordan

John M. Jordan, 156 Wyoming Street, has announced his candidacy for Carbondale Area School Director in Region 3.

A 1969 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he attended Williamsport Community College and is employed with the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company as a conductor. He was recently reelected to a second four-year term as local union representative for the United Transportation Union.

Mr. Jordan is a member of Upper Lackawanna Valley Ancient Order of Hibernians and Carbondale Area Council 329 Knights of Columbus and a former member of Carbondale Lions Club. He has also been an active volunteer over the years in many community civic projects and programs.

He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Jordan and the late John "Jigger" Jordan. The late Mr. Jordan had been active in local politics.

The candidate is married to the former Margaret Wise. The couple has three children: Bryan and Sean, students at Roosevelt School, and Shannon.

Mr. Jordan will file on both tickets. Region 3 encompasses Carbondale's third and fourth wards.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Jordan said he will seek support in the community and feels his experience will enable him to represent the students and taxpayers in an honest, diligent and unselfish manner.

Bob Wright

Bob Wright, 60 Wayne Street, has announced that he is a candidate in the 3rd Region for School Director in the Carbondale Area School District.

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, he has been employed as assistant chief deputy of the Orphans Co[illegible] of Lackawanna County for the past 13 years. He is a member of the Berean Baptist Church, and a member and trustee of the Andrew Mitchell Hose Company. He is a founder of the Annual "Big Hit for M.D." Softball-A-Thon. Because of his association with this community project, he was selected by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce as "Personality of the Month." A member of the Pre-Teen Park Association, he has been a Little League and Teener League manager for the past eight years.

He is married to the former Janice Morgan, and is the father of three children, Jeffrey, 16, Stephen, 15, and Lynne, 12, all students at Carbondale Area Junior-Senior High School.

Bernadette Lepre

Bernadette Lepre, 8 Dixon Avenue, has announced she will seek Democratic and Republican nominations for a seat on the Carbondale Area School Board in Region 2.

Mrs. Lepre was graduated with commercial honors from Benjamin Franklin High School. She has taken courses at the American Institute of Banking (AIB). She is employed by the First National Bank, Carbondale.

Mrs. Lepre is a member of the Fell Elementary PTA, serving six years as an officer including president from 1980 to 1982, Carbondale Area High School PTA, Carbondale Area Marching Band Unit Parents Organization, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and was a Girl Scout leader for five years.

"I have attended Carbondale Area School Board meetings for the past two years and feel that my attitude in running for the school board seat is that of a concerned parent with two children in two of the school buildings."

Mrs. Lepre and her hubsband, Bill, are the parents of two children, Lynnette, a student at Carbondale Area Junior-Senior High School, and Loren, a student at the Fell Elementary School. She is the daughter of Basil Scalzo and the late Carmella Scalzo, formerly of Belmont Street.